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1. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE FINE MANNER IN WHICH THE PFIAB WORKING GROUP PERFORMED THEIR MISSION UNDER THE ABLER GUIDANCE OF ☐ HE HANDLED A 25X1 DIFFICULT AND DELICATE ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT RUFFLING ANY FEATHERS. WE HAVE RECENTLY LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR A CLOSER AND MORE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH ☐ FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO AGAIN SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE WEEKLY ESTIMATE UPDATE FROM WHICH WE HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THE TEAM SEEMS TO HAVE DONE ITS WORK WITHOUT IN ANY WAY ENDANGERING THE TENDER SHOOTS OF THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP.

2. WHILE ☐ WILL GIVE YOU A FULLER REPORT, I AM INFORMED THAT THE TEAM WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE GENERAL COMPETENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR REGIONAL AND SAIGON OFFICERS AND WITH THEIR WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES. THE TEAM EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE FRANKNESS WITH WHICH OUR OFFICERS

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DISCUSSED THEIR LIMITATIONS AS WELL AS THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
IN ATTEMPTING TO PENEIRATE A VERY DI DIFFICULT TARGET.

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 COMMENT: *Advises the field that the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board has requested the Director of Central Intelligence to undertake an appraisal of intelligence warning prior to the Tet offensive.

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